

of God by faith." All our self-righteousness which we may bring with us when seeking salvation are as filthy rags and the more we have of them the more impossible it will be for us to enter the strait gate. The moral of this is, that dangers stand thick all through the path of human life; dangers such as the lust of the eye, and the pride of life with their numerous attendants. False doctrines also, the tendency of which is to destroy the happiness of mankind, prevail. They are covered with a flimsy garb, which deceives superficial observers. The mariner who should put to sea without chart or compass, trusting to his own knowledge would without a doubt, on the first stormy night repent heartily of his folly. How much greater is the folly of those who, trusting to self, neglect to use the lamp of God's truth or to seek the enlightening influences of his Holy Spirit or to follow the advice of the wise and good.

The case of Pharaoh the Egyptian monarch affords a striking example of self confidence.

When the children of Israel had left the house of bondage and were well on their journey towards the land of promise, the king confiding in his own strength, exclaimed: "I will pursue, I will overtake, and presumptuously set forth for that purpose." The conflict was of short duration. The arm of the Lord prevailed. Pharaoh and his men of war were swept away with the waters of destruction. "If any man will be my disciple," said the Saviour, "let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

How many people have rejected the Saviour and are to-day too proud to humble themselves to do what the Lord has commanded of them. Pride renders its possessor truly miserable in this life. The Father of Spirits alone can fill an immortal Spirit.

The man of pride rejects our Saviour and depends for happiness on the applause of man. This is uncertain, unsatisfying and transitory. How great is the difference between humility and pride. Pride assumes an elevated position, and looks down with contempt on all beneath. Humility is content with a lowly seat, and mingles kindly with the brotherhood of man. Pride climbs a steep, dry, and rugged path beset with thorns and briars. Humility walks the verdant vale amid rippling brooks and flowers of beauty. Pride occupies a dangerous place, even nature contends against it. The storms encompass it about. Humility walks with nature and her path is safe. Pride is tormented with vain desires. Humility enjoys the peace of God. The path of pride

leads to shame and contempt; and that of humility to honor, glory and eternal life.

Again we may reject Christ by neglecting love and charity, for love and charity are placed at the head of all Christian virtues. Without it, our religion is like a body without a soul. True charity acts from motives of love to God as well as man. One of the greatest ways which Christ is rejected is by infidelity. The infidel turns his back upon the light and walks in the vain shadow of his own opinions, darker, and yet more dark, the shadow grows. He becomes worse and worse. One truth after another is rejected. One lie after another is embraced. He wonders far from God and bliss, and finally he takes his fearful leap into the dark and finds himself, contrary to his expectations, in outer darkness. Infidelity in all its appeals, profess charity and benevolence. What have its apostles done to benefit mankind? In what books are their acts recorded? To what lands have they carried the blessings of civilization? What prisons have they opened? What chains have they snapped asunder? Where are the tombs of their martyrs? Where the trophies of their success? Infidelity is cruel, earthly, sensual and devilish. Witness the day of triumph in France. True it opened the doors of Bastille but it was only to lead the inmates to the guillotine. It demolished the walls but was only to build of the ruins thereof, a hundred dungeons, if possible, still more gloomy and terrible. The reign of infidelity is the reign of terror. The infant comes into the world without a blessing. The aged leaves it without hope. The house of mercy is closed. The book of mercy is burnt. The ministers of mercy are slaughtered. The God of mercy is banished. And finally when the last great day shall come, those who have rejected Christ shall hear the awful benediction, "Because thou hast rejected the Lord, the Lord hath rejected thee."

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NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT, S. S. C. E.

Semi-annual report of the treasurer of the S. S. C. E., from May 25, 1896, to November 18, 1896.

MISSION FUND.

Amounts paid in by the various Societies to Nov. 18.

PENNSYLVANIA—Philadelphia, \$5 00; Johnstown, 3 40; Williamson, 50 cts.; Meyersdale, 1 00.

IOWA—Mt Zion, 40 cts.; Amhurst, \$2 00.

INDIANA—Nappanee, 60 cts.; Oakville, \$1 80; Maple Grove, 1 00; Mexico, 1 35; Fair View, 2 00.

ILLINOIS—Auburn, \$1 90.

OHIO—Kunkle, 60 cts.; Williamstown, 1 65.

PENNSYLVANIA—Jones Mills, \$1 50.

MICHIGAN—Freeport, \$1 30.

OHIO—Buckeye City, \$1 50.

Amounts paid in by Societies to

Nov. 18,	\$ 27 40
Balance in treasury, May 25, '96,	235 87
Interest on money loaned out,	5 73

Total, \$269 00

Paid to Laura Gross-

nickle balance of salary for organizing, \$19 44

To Sister Perry for missions, 18 67

Expense Money Order, 14

Total, \$38 25

Amount in treasury,

Mission Fund, Nov. 18, 1886, \$230 75

THEOLOGICAL FUND—AMT'S PAID IN BY THE VARIOUS SOCIETIES.

ILLINOIS—Lanark, \$1 50; Cornell, 1 40; Cornell, 1 90; Lanark, 1 70.

INDIANA—North Manchester, \$1 20; Roann, 1 60; Warsaw, 2 50; Nappanee, 70 cts.; Dunlaps, 60 cts.; Maple Grove, 1 20; Loree, 1 20; College Corner, 1 30; Corinth, 1 50; Fairview, 2 34.

OHIO—North Liberty, \$1 90; Homer ville, 3 00; Gretna, 2 00; Fair Haven, 2 70; Gratis, 3 10; Bryan, 1 00; Kunkle, 60 cts.; West Independence, 1 40; West Alexandria, 1 50; Williamstown, 1 65.

IOWA—Hudson, 2 10; Mt. Zion, 40 cts.; Garrison, 90 cts.

CALIFORNIA—Latlrop, \$6 55; Vernalis, 1 80.

MICHIGAN—Bethel, 1 60; New Troy, 1 40.

MARYLAND—Downsville, 90 cts.; Ridgley, 80 cts.

NEBRASKA—Falls City, \$2 00; Carleton, 2 50; Mary K. Fair, 1 00.

PENNSYLVANIA—Alleppo, \$2 00; Somerset, 2 00; Williamson, 1 70; Meyersdale, 1 00; Clover Creek, 1 80.

VIRGINIA—Philo, \$4 10; Bethlehem, 1 60; Cross Roads, 1 40.

INDIANA—Flora, \$1 20.

OHIO—Mrs. R. G. Sellers, \$6 50.

Amt. paid in to Nov. 18, 1896, \$ 84 74

Balance in treasury, May 25, '96, 261 67

Amount paid in pledges, 61 00

Balance on Quilt fund, 126 00

Sales at National Conference, 36 50

Total, \$569 41

Paid to J Allen Miller on salary, 500 00

Balance in treasury, Nov. 18, '96 \$ 69 41